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State and Local Officials and Conservationists to Celebrate Protection of
440 Acres of Middleborough Wetlands and Woods

WHAT: Officials of the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), town of Middleborough and city of New Bedford will gather with property owners to celebrate the preservation of 440 acres of wetlands and woodlands that safeguard a regional drinking water supply and protect valuable wildlife habitat.

WHO: Fish and Game Commissioner Mary Griffin
TNC Southeast Massachusetts Program Director Robb Johnson
Middleborough Selectman Wayne Perkins
New Bedford Superintendent of Water James Ricci
Property owners Ed Parks and Rollande Cardin
Area legislators

WHEN: **Friday** **October 5, 2007** **Time: 11 a.m.**

Photo Opportunity: A 15-minute walk on the newly-protected land will follow the speaking program. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

WHERE: South Hayfield, Black Brook Ranch, 404 Marion Road, Middleborough
(**Rain Location:** Middleborough Town Hall, 10 Nickerson Ave., Middleborough. In case of inclement weather, please call TNC at 617-227-7017 to confirm change in location.)

DIRECTIONS: From Boston/Points North- Take Route 24 South to Interstate 495 East. Take Exit 3 for Route 28, Rock Village/ S. Middleborough. Take right at end of ramp, onto Rt. 28 South, and next right onto Smith Street. After .6 mile, turn left onto Miller Street. After .9 mile, Miller Street becomes Perry Street. Continue .4 mile further on Perry Street and turn left onto Marion Road. Go 1.9 miles. Just after the driveway and mailbox, an open hayfield on the left is the event location. Park by the roadside, along the hayfield.

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From New Bedford/Points South - Take Route 140 North to Exit 8 (Chace Road/Assonet.) Turn left onto Chace Road. After .2 mile, Chace Road becomes Mason Road. After .7 mile, turn left onto Middleboro Road / Route 18. After 1.2 miles, stay straight to go onto Morton Road. After .5 mile, Morton Road becomes North Ave. Go 2.6 miles and turn left onto Neck Road. After .5 mile, Neck Road becomes Marion Road. Continue straight for .6 mile past the house at 410 Marion Road. Just after this house, an open hayfield on the right is the event location. Park by the roadside, along the hayfield.

DIRECTIONS TO RAIN LOCATION: MIDDLEBOROUGH TOWN HALL - From Interstate 495, take Exit 4 (Route 105/Middleborough Center). Take the Route 105 North ramp toward Middleborough Center. Turn left onto Route 105 / Main Street, and proceed .9 mile. Town Hall is on your left. Just past the building, turn left onto Nickerson Ave. Parking lot is on the left, just behind the building.

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